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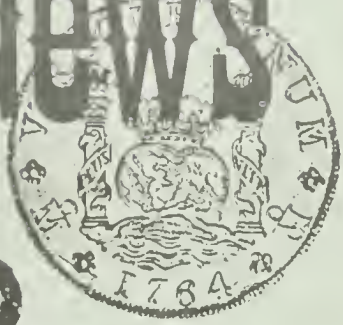

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The TNA NEWS can use some articles. Please share your knowledge and interest with other TNA members.

1st REMEMBER The of October is the deadline for the November issue

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Box 1225
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District 3 of TNA held the annual meeting July 20 with Abilene's Key City Coin Club as host. The facilities and refreshments were secured and provided by Abilene coin dealer Mike Dunnigan. Your president, secretary and treasurer had the privilege of attending. Governor Melba Coursey contacted each club in the district and these contacts were fruitful as 49 were in attendance. Six new TNA members were signed up at the meeting.

We also welcome two new clubs to TNA for 1980 - Midland Coin Club and Breckenridge Coin Club.

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The old adage that one can not get something for nothing or one gets what he pays for was never more true than when one buys a coin. Coins are usually offered at a price that is based on a profit to the seller and value to the buyer, the value determined by desire and need. Whenever a valuable coin is offered at an unrealistically low price there can only be one or two reasons; the item is either not the quality it appears to be or the item has been secured by methods that are not ethical or probably honest.

Many times a buyer thinks that the seller is unaware of the price an item should bring. This could possibly be true if the seller is not a dealer or one who is not actively interested in coins. Consequently, buyers of expensive items should have the coin authenticated. An honest seller will have no objection to this. The place to make all arrangements for this is at the time of purchase.

Whenever a seller mispresents a coin to a customer fraud is present and when making such purchase all claims should be in writing and witnessed. Then legal action may be taken. Also if the seller is a member of ANA or TNA, expulsion from membership is possible.

For a dealer to have a bourse table at ANA or TNA, that dealer must be a member of the organization. Dealers at local shows many times are not members of any organization but usually known to the bourse chairperson. There are not any general chairpersons or bourse chairperson who will knowingly sell a table to one who has a question regarding his honesty and integrety. However, on occasion this does happen.

As a matter of protection to the buyer the one thing to remember there are no bargains in coins that have a cut price.

Don't forget the TNA general meeting Sunday, Sept. 28, in Austin.

AMERICA'S "OBSCENE" COIN

By Linda Runkle,
Amarillo, Tx.

The early 1900s was a time when women were attacking the puritanical restrictions of the Victorian era. Many of them had abandoned the corset and the petticoat. Others demanded the right to vote. Still others were smoking in public, drinking in hotel bars, or driving the new automobiles.

But even with new liberalism, American women were considered delicate creatures to be cared for and protected. For example, fashionable dresses were long, high-necked, and so tight around the ankles that walking was difficult. Yet, the most innovative design was a dress that imitated the style of a Salvation Army uniform. Hemlines had climbed higher, but ankles were hidden by high-button shoes.

There was never an intention to create an obscene coin. The Government certainly did not have this in mind when, in 1916, the Treasury Department held a competition for some new coin designs. The Charles Barber coinage (1892-1916) had ended its useful life. There was a need for new dimes, quarters and half dollars. Artists were requested to submit their ideas with the final selection to be made by joint decision of the Treasury and the Commission of Fine Arts.

After years of dull Charles Barber pieces, Herman MacNeil gave the nation distinctive medallic art with his Standing Liberty quarter (1916-1930). Even more important, the coin seemed to symbolize the changing mood of the American people.

Even the model for the coin seemed perfect for the items. Her name was Dora Doscher. She was 22 years of age and 5'4 1/2" tall. She had been a sickly child but had developed into a beautiful woman who was a trained nurse, a scenario writer and a lecturer. She had also served as the model for the Karl Bitter statue "Diana" which was in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and was the model for Bitter's Pulitzer Memorial Fountain in New York City.

With all the effort that went into the coin and the number of people who saw the enlarged version, it is surprising that no one noticed certain "shocking" aspects of the coin. To the horror of many citizens, Miss Liberty appeared on the coin with not only a generous portion of thigh showing under her garment, she also had one bare breast.

The news resulted in a rash of complaints to the government, and more than likely sent many young boys scurrying out to find the new coins in hopes of a peek at the design that was embarrassing their elders.

The design proved to be a great embarrassment to the government. So many people had seen and approved the original design, that there was no way to place the blame on any one person. As a result, the government officially refused to acknowledge the problem. Even MacNeil chose to ignore the mounting criticism. In one interview, he stressed the fact that the coin should not have crevices to attract dirt. However, it was not the physical

health of the nation but its morals which was the real issue.

In April 1917, pushed by moralists, Congress began debating the need for changes in the new quarter. The only official excuse given for going to this expense was the bankers found that the coins "did not stack well." No one was about to mention that the real reason was that MISS LIBERTY was "stacked too well."

When the new coin was changed, the eagle had been raised and three stars had been placed below it. The various alterations needed to make a stackable coin were made, but the significant change, and one which was officially never mentioned, was the bringing of modesty to Miss Liberty. On the newly designed coins, her garments had been increased so that her bosom was covered and her thigh was not quite so well revealed.

And so, America's only "obscene" coin passed into oblivion. Miss Liberty regained her lost modesty and the nation settled down to the more serious business of fighting World War I.

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THE ROMAN FORUM

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ROME'S UNCONQUERABLE FOES
SASANIA: SAPUR I 241-272

From the ever encroaching blight of Roman imperialism, no people was safe and few cultures possessed the strength to resist the onslaught of her legions. One such civilization managed to hold Rome at bay for centuries and dispatched the greatest humiliation which she ever suffered: the capture of a Roman emperor.

The Sasanian Empire rose from the ruins of the Parthian Empire, if these may be described as such. This territory had no real boundaries but lay roughly in that area east of Armenia and Mesopotamia as far as India. From the Persian Gulf and the Arab Sea, it ran north to the Oxus River. Today this area is occupied by Iran (Persia), Russia, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Sasanians, as were the Parthians, semi-nomadic peoples who had learned the finer arts of horsemanship and used this knowledge to their advantage in the lightning attacks and withdrawals which usually left the enemy confused and injured as well.

Only 29 rulers are to be counted in the succession of Sasanian dynasts which spanned the years 224-651 A.D. The name is taken from Sasan, grandfather(1) of the first ruler, Ardaser I (224-241) and great grandfather of Sapur I. Very little is recorded of this civilization and the greatest portion yet discovered of Sasanian history was made in 1938 by the finding of a "diary"(2) of Sapur recorded on the walls of an Achaemenian monument near Persepolis. The text is tri-lingual, Sasanian Pahlavi, Parthian and Greek. To deny that Sapur was a great general and master strategist would be a gross error. Some sources indicate that he was instrumental in destroying not one but two(3) Roman emperors.

In 256 A.D. Sapur invaded Syria and Cappadocia, destroyed a Roman army of 60,000 men and captured 37 cities. Valerian I (253-260) responded by marching another army of 40,000 men to Edessa where he was defeated, losing all but about 10,000 or less of his men. The survivors retreated into a fortification (most probably Edessa) but starvation and disease became rife and the soldiers then began to blame Valerian for their problems. Finally they insisted on instant capitulation. At this point Sapur marched in order of battle to the foot of the Roman rampart and demanded a personal conference with Valerian who was then taken prisoner and the Roman soldiers then laid down their arms.(4) At this point all Syria and Cappadocia were laid open to the plundering of Sapur and his armies. It

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was recorded by one historian of doubtful veracity that Valerian in his attempt to prolong his life, led the Persian armies back west as far as Antioch, Syria. However, Gibbon does not seem to feel that this is the complete truth. The fate of the Roman emperor is still not completely known but we do know that the most humiliating acts were heaped upon him. When Sapur mounted his horse, Valerian was forced to proffer his neck as a stepping stone. Just how the final hour came is still known only to those involved, some say he was flayed alive. We do know that his skin was stuffed with straw(5) and preserved for many years in the most celebrated temple in Persia.

Sasanian numismatics introduced an innovation which is still used today, the thin flat coin. Sapur is the author of the reverse type,(6) the flaming altar flanked by two attendants, which identifies Sasanian coins at a glance. This reverse ran, with only slight modifications and an occasional commemorative issue, from the time of Sapur I to Yazdgard III (632-651), a full 450 years. The sacred fire is omnipresent on the issues and thus holding the national religion, Zoroastrianism, before all who would use money in their daily transactions.

Gold, silver and bronze were all struck but only the silver drachm was struck continuously by every monarch.(7) Gold was struck much less frequently than was the bronze. Both were last struck under Xusro II (590, 1-628). Denominations of common usage were:

Gold	Silver	Bronze
1 2 dinar	tetradrachm	Unit
dinar	drachm	1 4 unit
1 2 dinar	obol	1 6 unit
1 3 dinar	hemi (1 2) obol	1 8 unit
		1 12 unit

Gold coinages conformed to the Roman standards, the dinar weighing from 7.0 to 7.4 grams as did the aureus and the weight was later reduced to that of the solidus.(9) All Sasanian gold is very scarce to extremely rare.

Sapur I was one of only four kings to strike the tetradrachm. This coin is in very base silver and is oft times mistaken for the copper unit. One of the finest known specimens is now in the collection of this writer. Only the drachm can be considered common in the silver types as its fractions are all very scarce to rare. The names of the bronze coinages are either unknown or are very uncertain. However, the copper unit seems to have been equal to the obol. The only issue of copper coins which is fairly common in the I B (12 nummia) of Alexanetia, Egypt, struck by Xusro II (590-1-628) when he occupied the city in his war against the Byzantine emperor Heraclius (610-641). Of the list provided by Gobl of the coins struck for circulation, Sapur struck only the following: 1. dinar 2. tetradrachm 3. drachm 4. hemidrachm 5. obol 6. unit 7. quarter unit 8. eighth unit.

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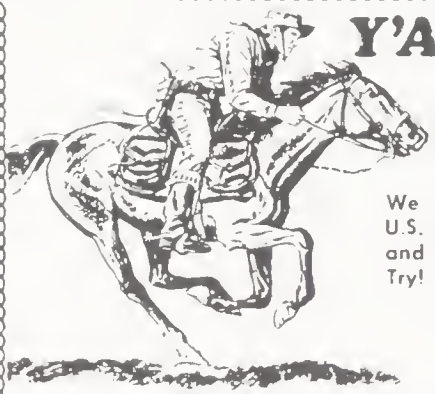

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Coins themselves come in for some recognition on other coins. The ancient Chinese spade money is shown on a coin of modern China. To commemorate the isolation of nickel, and its wide-spread use on coins, Canada issued a five cent nickel coin bearing a nickel refinery on the reverse in 1951.

In 1949 Mexico showed an antique hand coin press on a large silver token. It measured 42 millimeters in diameter, weighed 480 grains, and was 925 fine, the same standard called for sterling. This token served several purposes. It commemorated the oldest mint in the New World, Mexico City; illustrated this early method of minting coins, and bolstered the faltering mining industry by providing a use for silver. A scales was shown on the reverse.

The source of the metal itself is sometimes noted. When the British swiped a silver laden galleon in the Vigo harbor off Peru from the Spaniards, they weren't satisfied to just use the silver and gold. Coins made from this loot were inscribed with the word "Vigo," a reminder to the Spanish rulers of the use to which their former possessions were put. Some other coins of Great Britain have a plume on the reverse of the coin, denoting the Welsh source of the silver in the coins. These were shown on crowns, half crowns and shillings struck with the Welsh silver during the time of James I. A rose on some of the Great Britain coins indicated the origin of the metal, also. Marks such as these are known as provenance marks, or mark of the source of the metal.

What symbolic representations will our progeny use? Are there events and persons in our day who will merit recognition on coins in 2,000 years as we use symbols of the ancient Greeks and Romans?

Will the symbol be a satellite whirling in space, a rocket roaring past the moon, the advent of man from outer space to earth, or the name or portrait of the first child conceived and born out of the pull of our sun's gravity? Or a more human symbol, such as the father of eternal peace and brotherhood on earth, the scientist who unlocks the key of life, or closes the door of death by eliminating disease? Or will they continue to use the signs of antiquity - the sun and the stars, the Roman fasces, the Greek Caduceus, the cross and the crescent?

We do feel the period of change we are experiencing, when coins of established countries are changed, new countries born, new metals and processes and denominations. The best in moral concepts and principles of our forefathers are before us, literally and symbolically, on our coins. Let us not lose sight of our proportions of value, but profit from these countless reminders of our heritage.

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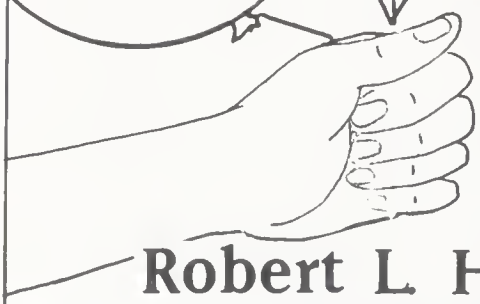

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This is a time we have to endure. Many people have gone through hurricanes and lived. God help us."

Those words completed a weather advisory issued at 4 p.m. Saturday, August 9, 1980, by Richard Hagen, chief meteorologist with the National Weather Service Bureau in Brownsville, Texas. The vicious storm was headed for our beautiful tropical Rio Grande Valley.

Senor Hurricane Allen, dragging along his Muchachos, dared to pay a visit to the Rio Grande Valley and the Texas coastline as uninvited guests. Senor Allen dumped tons of water and tore up everything in his path with fierce winds before he died a very timely death in northern Mexico after a swirl over the southern part of Texas. The Muchachos added insults with their tornadoes, tidal surges and flooding.

The entire Texas coast prepared for the worst hurricane recorded in this century. There was no panic, we had been thoroughly warned through the news media. People began boarding up and moving out, shelters were opened for those who feared for their lives and property, all roads leading out of the Valley were bumper to bumper with cars, trailers, vans, pickups — a mass exodus. Stores were stripped of canned food, bread, flashlights, batteries, transistor radios, candles, bottled water, anything to help ease the situation of no electricity, water or telephone, for how many days we couldn't possibly know.

We were prepared. All that could be done then was to sit and wait with fear and apprehension as Senor Allen and his Muchachos neared the coastline. They teased us with their time table and after many hours of waiting, they came, they went, and we are slowly getting back to as near normal as possible under the circumstances.

"This is a time we have to endure." We did. "Many people have gone through hurricanes and lived." We did. "God help us." He did.

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Vast treasures may still be lodged aboard a sunken 18th-century cargo ship that has already been tapped by a salvage team for 40 pounds of gold and priceless Aztec artifacts. The ship was found buried in mud and silt in a murky section of the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana coast. Besides the gold, divers recovered 30 pounds of silver and five tons of copper. One official said, "It is the most exciting archeological find in Louisiana and

maybe one of the most signigicant in the Gulf region."

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A gentleman from Laingsburg, Mich. gave the Internal Revenue Service the shirt off his back - and tax collectors cashed it. Myron Scott wrote the IRS a check on the back of a blue denim work shirt for $292, the final installment on the $1,100 he owed in income taxes. The shirt came back, like any other check, with stamps from the Federal Reserve and a local bank.

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October is the month for Columbus Day, Halloween and Canada's Thanksgiving Day. We also celebrate National Boss Day, Sweetest Day, United Nations Day, Mother-in-Law's Day and on October 26, finally Daylight Savings Time ends. . . .adios & thirty

ABILENE CLUB HOSTS DISTRICT MEETING

District 3 of the Texas Numismatic Association held its annual meeting at Kiva Inn in Abilene hosted by Key City Coin Club. Mike Dunnigan provided the facilities and refreshments. Fifty five members and guests attended from the San Angelo Coin Club, Sweetwater's Nolan County Coin Club, Central Texas Coin Club of Brownwood and the Abilene club.

Johnnie Smith, Abilene club president, welcomed the group and Melba Coursey, District 3 governor, reported on work being done in her district as to forming new clubs and discussing membership with individuals in small towns.

Lyman Bartee, TNA president, gave a talk on coins in general and answered questions about TNA. Eleanor and Mac Kennady, TNA secretary and treasurer, also reported on their offices. Dave Henderson gave a program on early U.S. coins.

The auction was conducted by Russell Souders and Press Adams. Winning door prizes were Paul McCowen and Mrs. Marianne Aucoin.

Winning the attendance trophy was Abilene club, having 29 present. The 1981 meeting will be hosted by Central Texas Coin Club in Brownwood the third Sunday in July.

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3809 (D-10) Alfonso Aranda, 420 De Vargas Dr., El Paso, TX 79905. U.S. dollars & coins in general. J. Berger & Ed Young.

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OCTOBER 3-5

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OCTOBER 5

DALLAS COIN DEALERS ASSN, Sunday show. Lochwood Mall Ballroom, Jupiter & Garland Rd., Dallas. WRITE: Wm. I. Timmons, 2901 Valley View #122, Dallas 75234

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OCTOBER 11-12

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OCTOBER 18-19

LIBERTY COIN CLUB, annual show. Exposition Hall. WRITE: Club, Box 7001, Corpus Christi 78415

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LAFAYETTE COIN CLUB, 18th annual Cajun Coinval. Municipal Auditorium, Lafayette, La. Everyone Welcome!

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NOVEMBER 1-2

LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB (Littlefield) show

NOVEMBER 8-9

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"Many communities throughout the state," says Medlar, "are experiencing a rash of restrictions on buying bullion imposed by local law officials. The association plans to lobby for professional input on better laws concerning bullion purchase almost immediately. This lobby group is in addition to the political action committee the association intends to form to insure their voice is heard in governmental decisions. Finally, the group hopes to alter state sales tax laws, thereby eliminating the state sales tax on bullion items.

The association held its first meeting the first part of August to elect officers. Nominees included Medlar, president; Colvin, vice president, and Ivey, secretary-treasurer. Proposed executive secretary is Bruce La Vigne.

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I —

Joe Wade
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The **Fort Worth Coin Club** met in regular session with R. I. Slocum, president, presiding and welcoming two new members into the club. Fifty members and guests were present to enjoy the meeting, fellowship, refreshments and coin auction.

A program was presented on the symbolism on the reverse of the one dollar bill.

It was reported that Col. R. W. Danah had been released from the hospital and was recuperating at home. — **Elleta Havens, Reporter**

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DISTRICT III —

Melba Coursey
Governor

The July meeting of **San Angelo Coin Club** was held at Smith Bryant American Legion Post with President Don Smith presiding.

Plans were discussed and completed for hosting the annual show in September.

Jim Hill and Travis Strother conducted the auction and winning prizes were Forest Harding, Bill Lee, Dick Swindoll, Ann Gibson and Robert Van Sluis. Twenty four attended the meeting. — **Greg Smith, Sec**

Key City Coin Club of Abilene meets the first Thursday of each month at Citizens National Bank in Abilene. For further information contact Bob Kirkley at 695-0436.

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DISTRICT IV —

Robert E. Greenwood
Governor

A discussion concerning the 1981 coin and stamp show was held at the July meeting of **Waco Coin Club** held at I. P. & L. Service Center.

Dates for the 1981 show have been set for March 29-30. — **J. P. Jones, Sec**

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DISTRICT V —

Barney Welch
Governor

The new 1981 Red Book, a counter-balance scale demonstration, a three legged Buffalo nickel and the Hotel Denison, were all important highlights of the **Texomaland Coin**

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& Stamp Club's July meeting.

The 1981 Red Book received special attention because they had just been received and two of them were awarded as door prizes to lucky members.

The counter-balance scale was a part of a program in which President Barney Welch demonstrated its use and discussed its purpose and merits as compared to other scales. The members were especially delighted when he closed his program by offering the scales as a door prize. H. C. Overt was the happy winner.

The three-legged Buffalo nickel was in the club's auction, along with some other extra nice items such as almost uncirculated Trade dollar and a Seated Liberty half dollar. James Cole was auctioneer.

The Hotel Denison was announced as the site of the club's annual fall show which is scheduled for Nov. 8-9 with Col. Charles Wingo as general chairman. — **Col. Charles A. Wingo, TNA Rep.**

JAMAICA HONORS WINNERS

Jamaica has issued a $25 proof silver coin and a $250 proof gold coin in honor of the island's own Olympic gold medal winners. The miniature cameos of the five athletes so honored appear on the reverse of the coins, while the obverse retains the tradition of featuring the Jamaican coat of arms and the motto "OUT OF MANY, ONE PEOPLE."

Honored are Arthur Wint, 1948 winner and Jamaica's first gold medalist; George Rhoden, 1952; Herbert McKenley and Leslie Laing, also in 1952; and Donald Quarrie, 1976.

Dallas Coin Club members held a "Show & Tell" at the July meeting at Holiday Inn Central. Members brought interesting items to be viewed and discussed.

The auction consisted of 20 lots and Jane Boone won the door prize. Eddie Boone was to have the program at the August meeting on "Investing in Stamps." — **Frank Clark, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VI — **Greater Houston Coin Club** has a new meeting time and place. Beginning with the August meeting the club will meet at First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin. The new time will be the third Thursday rather than the third Friday.

Gerald Kendall
Governor

Plans for the 1981 GHCC Money Show are shaping up very nicely. There is a change in the location of this one also. The new location will be in the new Adam's Mark Hotel scheduled to be completed this fall. There will be almost 15,000 square feet of floor space for the bourse, and a separate room for exhibits. Those interested may refer to the Events Calendar in **TNA NEWS** for more details.

GHCC was to receive a 25-year membership award at the ANA convention in Cincinnati and Virgil Hancock was to receive it for the club. — **Gerald Kendall, Gov. Dist. 6**

DISTRICT VII —

Frank Galindo
Governor

TNA Club Representative Karla Galindo presented a program on TNA at the recent meeting of **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio. Karla gave a brief history, services and advantages of TNA membership.

Conducting the auction was Lee Grossman and prize winners were Ed Bruni, Karla Galindo, Catherine England and Grossman. — **Frank Galindo, Gov. Dist. 7.**

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DISTRICT VIII —

Joe B Davis
Governor

Ben Davis, who has lived in Brazil for 45 years, was guest speaker at the **Corpus Christi Coin Club** meeting and presented a program on the economic conditions of that country. Davis said that he went to Brazil as a representative of Anderson Clayton Co. and was now representing chemical plants. In his time, he said, the country has had mild, bold and violent inflation and is now experiencing an inflation rate of 80 per cent annually. When the heavy oil OPEC price increases hit Brazil they had to direct much of their available capital to pay the oil import bill and then had to postpone some of their other projects. The burden of importing oil is being eased some by the fact that the vehicles being produced today are very fuel conservative with small power plants and the electric generating plants using hydro power more and more. Ben is a brother of Joe B. Davis.

C. H. Roberts, club president, exhibited some coins from Brazil. — **Club Bulletin.**

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Glen Litrell gave a program on Caranza at a recent meeting of **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi. Caranza was president of Mexico in 1917 and was responsible for the monetary system of Mexico. At an earlier meeting, Ross Barrera and John Allen discussed grading coins particularly Mercury dimes and Morgan dollars.

Prize winners were Elisa Barrera, Alonzo Perez, Ross Barrera and John Allen. — **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX —

D O Joplin
Governor

Herman Jacobson reported on plans for the March coin show in 1981 at the July meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock. It was decided that the club would furnish free coffee to dealers at the show.

New members signed up were Tony Durant, Gary Oakley and Ruth Webb, all of Lubbock. D. O. Joplin and Jim Hall conducted the auction.

Not much activity took place at the meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield and **Levelland Coin Club** did not meet in July. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9**

DISTRICT XI —

Tommy Tompkins
Governor

Several amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of **Amarillo Coin Club** were to be voted on at the August meeting held at First National Bank. The club is seeking a non-profit status

Sixty six persons attended the annual club picnic in July which also included various games. — **Club Bulletin**

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DISTRICT XIII —

Bill Howard
Governor

Forty members and guests were present for the July meeting of **Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club** in the VIP Room of Orchid Branch Savings & Loan company. During the business session conducted by President M. L. Goolsby report was made by the committee for selection of planned gifts of books on stamp and coins to the Kemp Public Library. The club had planned to donate one each month for the remaining months of 1980 but the librarian said numbers of books had to be ordered at one time instead of single copies, so the club will give six books this year.

A new junior member, Jeanne Young, was introduced as recipient of the W. L. Eaton Memorial gift made by Mr. and Mrs. Pat Boruff. Regret was expressed that Jim Williams is transferring from Sheppard AFB to San Antonio, and can no longer attend our meetings.

The beautiful memorial written by Lyman C. Bartee for all Texas Numismatic Association members and published in the July Issue of **TNA NEWS** was read. Hellen Rust was a long-time valued member of the Wichita Falls club and her death on May 18 is a sad loss to this club.

For the "Nugget of Knowledge" Pat Boruff told of the history of the Tongo Islands, the unusual stamps issued by them and showed a letter sent by "Tin Can Mail" so called because when ships cannot get close enough to the islands because of coral reefs, mail would be sealed into metal cannisters and dumped into the sea to be retrieved by native swimmers or ones in small boats.

For the featured program Reverend Jerry Parker, pastor of Jefferson Street Baptist church and new member of the club, discussed the "Concept of Collecting World Coins." In this field one can collect "rich" or "poor" since prices are not usually affected by bullion prices and many have low monetary value. All sorts of topics can be of interest such as securing one from as many countries as possible, or topical subjects as animals, buildings, type sets, dated items and the collector learns history as he collects. Such coins may be obtained from travelers to the countries, from so called "junk" boxes of dealers, or ordered from advertised dealers in publications. — **Pauline Copeland, Sec**

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DISTRICT XV —

Greater Orange Coin Club members held the monthly meeting in July at Orange Community Center. Dewey Scott presided and thanked the people who assisted with the recent coin show.

Jerry A. Williams
Governor

Scott also made a few comments about coins in general and said that collectible coins were still going up in value. He said that single coins are more in demand now instead of rolls.

Door prize winners were Clyde McKee, John Hicks and Scotty Ballard. Scott conducted the auction. — **Lucy Canter, Sec**

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Dates of Mar. 7-8, 1981 have been selected for **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club**'s annual coin show at the new Port Arthur Civic Center.

At the regular meeting, Buck Dowden gave a program on the history of the silver dollar. He said that the silver dollar never circulated much as it was too heavy to be a coin of commerce. The primary group wanting it was the western silver miners seeking a ready market for their product. The dollar was finally dropped all together. In the late 1960s the vending machine industry felt that a dollar size coin would be helpful. The "Ike" dollar was the result. Unfortunately the size and weight made it impractical and the only place the new dollar circulated was Las Vegas. — **Club Bulletin.**

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"The Year They Made Six Different Cents" was the topic for discussion by Steve Pecora at the regular meeting of **Beaumont Coin Club**.

Jerry Williams discussed plans for the August coin show and George May was in charge of the auction. Winning prizes were Ray Beck, James Eldridge and George Fortune. — **Club Bulletin**

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